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Book 2: Children of Genocide

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CHAPTER 9 - SHOPPING TRIPS

JANUARY 11, 2110.
WE HID FOR FIVE WEEKS IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF RIO DE JANEIRO.
THE 21ST CENTURY PLAGUES HAD EMPTIED THE FAVELAS -- THE SLUMS.
ONLY THE MOST DESPERATE TRY TO LIVE HERE NOW.
WE SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME DRIVING THEM AWAY.
BY ORDER OF THE GENOCIDE MAN.
VOCÊ NÃO PODE ESTAR AQUI!
"YOU CAN'T BE HERE!"
AHH!
"AHH!"
A MULHER BRANCA LOUCO!
"THE CRAZY WHITE WOMAN!"
WOW, GIRL. WISH THEY RAN FROM ME LIKE THAT.
WOULD PROBABLY HELP IF I COULD LEARN PORTUGUESE.
I JUST PICKED IT UP. MAYBE IT'S AN EMPATH THING.
THEY'RE AFRAID OF ME, ROGER.

THEY WERE ALREADY SPOOKED.
WE'RE CREATING AN URBAN LEGEND HERE.
FIVE SQUARE BLOCKS OF HAUNTED SLUMS THAT NOBODY CAN ENTER.
WITH MY VIDEO CAMERAS COVERING EVERY SQUARE INCH. OF COURSE THEY'RE SPOOKED.
I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS.
LIVING IN A DUMP, DRIVING FORAGERS AWAY...
WHEN G.U.S. COMES FOR JACOB, THIS PLACE WON'T BE SAFE.
I KNOW.
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT, LIFE WITH A GENOCIDE MAN.
BEATS THE ALTERNATIVE.
JACOB.
I GOT YOUR GROCERIES.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH ALL THIS PAINT?
AND BEER? I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T GET DRUNK.
YOU NEVER KNOW...
MAYBE I LIKE THE TASTE OF...
...URAGUAYAN... 'YERBA DURO'?
IS THIS EVEN BEER?
YOU SAID ALUMINUM CANS.
YEAH, I DID. ALUMINUM PLUS IRON OXIDE FROM THE PAINT MAKES THERMITE.
GOT TO BE PREPARED.
WAIT -- THERMITE?
IS G.U.S. GOING TO BOMB THESE SLUMS, OR ARE YOU GOING TO BLOW THEM UP?
FIRST ONE, THEN THE OTHER, PROBABLY.
MAKE SURE YOU GET IT ALL ON CAMERA.
OF COURSE I WILL. I GET...EVERYTHING.

I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT RUACRENCA.
I GOT EVERYTHING ON CAMERA, GIRI!.
I HAVE FOOTAGE OF JOEY MASSACRING THE VILLAGE.
I'LL BE OKAY. I JUST --
I UNDERSTAND, ROGER.
AFTER WE LEFT, I WAS HORRIFIED, BUT...
...WHILE I WAS THERE, I FELT NOTHING.
I STARTED FOLLOWING JACOB BECAUSE I HOPED THAT HE'D BECOME HAPPIER.
MORE LIKE ME.
INSTEAD, I'M WORRIED...
...THAT I'M BECOMING MORE LIKE HIM.
ARE YOU PLANNING ON BLOWING ANYTHING UP?
NO.
THEN I THINK YOU'RE OKAY.

HMN.
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
YEP.
IF I HAD ANY AMMO LEFT, YOU CANS WOULD BE IN TROUBLE.

MEANWHILE, WE LEFT A MESS BACK IN SENEGAL.
THE G.U.S. BACKED CHINESE REFUGEES HELD HALF OF DAKAR...
...WHILE SENATOR MSAKA PAKAWA RALLIED THE DEFENDERS.
GENERAL SAKUT, THE CHINESE ARE BREAKING THROUGH THE PATTE D'OIE.
I DON'T SEE HOW. WE OUTNUMBER THEM THERE FIVE TO ONE.
SENATOR, A MESSENGER FROM DR. FUMIAKI IS HERE.
SEND THEM AWAY. I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR MESSAGE BOYS.
MAKE TIME FOR ME.

YOU -- YOU'RE DAHNA!!?
YOU'RE ALIVE? YOU'RE REAL?
EVERYONE ASKS ME THAT.
COULD BE WORSE -- THEY COULD BE SHOUTING 'DOGGY'.
DR. FUMIAKI SENT OTHER MESSENGERS; YOU REJECTED THEM.
I THOUGHT YOU'D LISTEN TO ME.

THE OTHERS ASKED ME TO LEAVE MY HOMELAND.
IF DAKAR FALLS, SO WILL SENEGAL. I WON'T ALLOW THAT.
DAKAR WILL FALL. A GENOCIDE MAN -- A WOMAN -- IS COMING.
LOLA LAMB IS NO THREAT.
THE GENOCIDE PROJECT HAS A NEW AGENT.
THEY CALL HER CAERA SHOU.

CAERA?
SENATOR --
OUR CAMERA ON ROUTES DES NIAYES!

IT'S A MATTER OF FORCE MULTIPLICATION.
ONE MAN WITH A GUN IS WORTH TEN UNARMED MEN.
YOUR GENETICS, MSAKA, MAKE YOU MORE DANGEROUS THAN TEN MEN WITH GUNS.
BUT A GENOCIDE MAN...
ONE GENOCIDE MAN KILLED A THOUSAND OF MY SIBLINGS.
THEY WERE DESIGNED TO FIGHT ARMIES.
SHE DODGES BULLETS AND KILLS WITH A TOUCH. SHE'LL KILL YOU ALL.
NO. THIS WOMAN IS AN ASSASSIN.
SHE'LL CARVE A PATH TO ME.
IF YOU FALL, SENATOR, SO WILL DAKAR.

GENERAL SAKUT, TELL THE TROOPS TO STAND DOWN
SENATOR
PULL BACK TO THE BEDOUIN TERRITORIES CONTINUE A GUERILLA RESISTANCE
MAINTAIN READINESS, WE MAY NEED TO MOBILIZE AN ARMY AT ANY TIME
WHERE DID YOU WANT TO TAKE ME?
THE DOCKS
THE CHINESE HAVE THAT TERRITORY I'LL GET YOU A DRIVER AND A GUARD
I DON'T NEED A GUARD
CAN YOU FIGHT, DAHNA?
I LEARNED AIKIDO, AS PART OF DANCE LESSONS.
BUT I
HMPH STAY CLOSE TO ME THEN

SORRY ABOUT YOUR CITY IT SEEMS NICE
GO THAT WAY
YOU TWO ARE DISCHARGED
COME WITH ME, PUPPY!
PLEASE DON'T CALL ME THAT
SHE'S HERE
SHE?
RUN

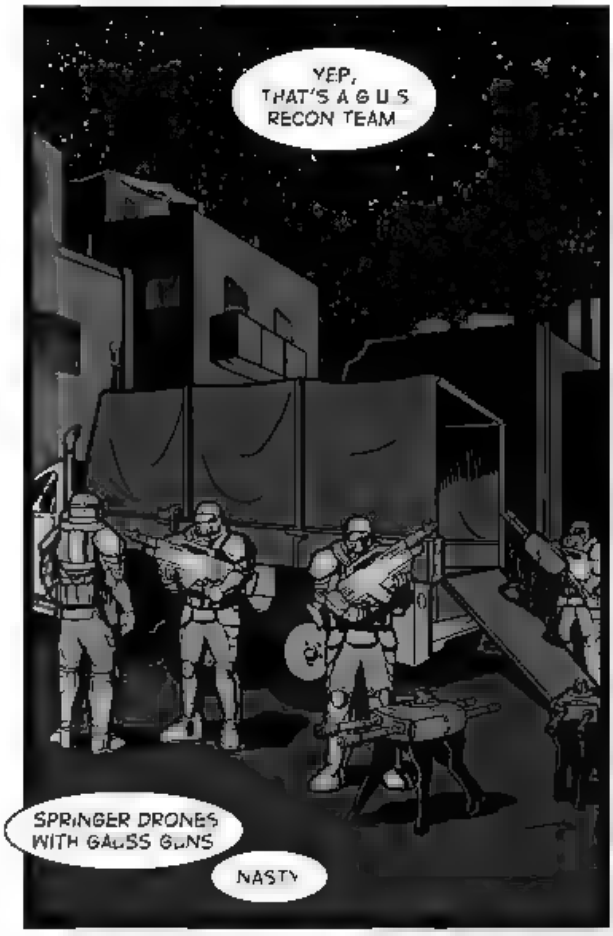
WHERE'S YOUR SHIP?
NO SHIP
JUST JUMP --
-- AND LET THE WHALE SWALLOW YOU
WHAT?

冲模!
YIHAP
SLAM

BACK IN RIO, I MADE A DISCOVERY WHILE CHANGING OUT A TERABYTE DRIVE
MY UNDERNET ACCESS CAME BACK
ROGER!
IT'S BEEN MONTHS! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I THOUGHT THE UNDERNET WAS DOWN
SON OF A
THAT A.I. IN DAKAR MUST HAVE PUT A VIRUS ON MY DRIVE
HE DISABLED MY NET ACCESS.
HE PROBABLY SAVED YOUR LIFE
ZP
IP
TCP
ZP OPTIONS
ZP OPTIONS
THE UNDERNET EXISTS IN ENCRYPTED MAINTENANCE HEADERS OF THE TCP/IP/ZP PROTOCOL.
G.U.S. CAN'T SHUT US DOWN WITHOUT KILLING THE INTERNET
BUT THEY CAN TRACK US

WELL, G.U.S. HAS NO REASON TO TRACK ME I'M NOBODY
I'M SOMEBODY
WE'VE BEEN UNDER CONSTANT SCRUTINY SINCE WE HACKED THULE FOR YOU
WHICH MEANS THEY'VE FOUND YOU NOW
GIVE ME ALL THE VIDEO YOU'VE COLLECTED.
UM, THAT'S A LOT
HIGHLIGHTS, THEN
I'LL GET AN EXTRACTION TEAM TO YOU
A NEWS SITE EDITOR HAS AN EXTRACTION TEAM?
WE'RE MOVING UP IN THE WORLD, ROGER
YOU'VE GOT MAYBE THREE HOURS
THEY'RE COMING
JACOB!

SHE SAID THEY'RE COMING
WE'RE INSIDE A HUGE URBAN RUIN
THEY WON'T BOMB WITHOUT VERIFYING THAT I'M HERE..
AH-HAH.
THERE'S A SURVEILLANCE DRONE TWO MILES OUT
AND A RECON TRUCK TO THE EAST
WHAT DO WE DO?
YOU TWO TAKE THE DEEP TUNNELS, THE ONES WE BLOCKED OFF
MEET ME AT THE RENDEZVOUS POINT
MY EDITOR SAID THERE'D BE HELP AT THE WASHINGTON LUIS BRIDGE
IF THERE'S A BOAT THERE, WE COULD FADE BACK INTO THE JUNGLE
REGROUP FIRST, THEN WE'LL TRY THAT
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M GOING SHOPPING


YEP, THAT'S A G U S RECON TEAM
SPRINGER DRONES WITH GAUSS GUNS
NASTY

CAN'T DODGE THAT AUTO-TARGETING SHOTGUN
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ME, ALL RIGHT

THOSE WEAPONS ARE SO BULKY
HANG ON

AH-HAH
SOLD

NO FURTHER WE HAVE SIGNAL HERE
SCATTER THE DRONES
WATCH YOUR TELEMETRY
IF THE DRONES GET POSITIVE ID
WE BUG OUT AND CALL FOR
SCREE
SCREEE
WHIR-CHUN
THE PLACE IS WIRED TO BLOW!
IT'S A DEATHTRAP

YOU THOUGHT THIS WAS A FUNHOUSE?
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN
YEEAAAAAGH!
BLAM
AM
LAM
BADDA
BADDA

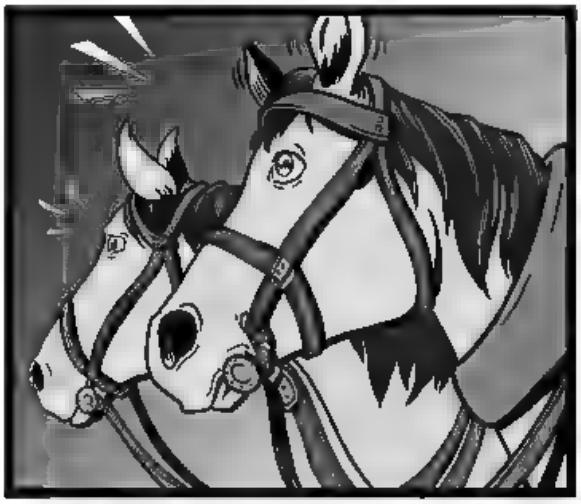
I'M GUESSING YOU'RE THE PROJECT LIAISON
GOT ANY AMMO FOR THAT RAILGUN?
SIGH
SON, WHEN SOMEONE BREAKS YOUR NECK YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DIE
NOT GIVE THEM YOUR NAME AND SERVICE NUMBER
GURK
C-CAPTAIN DAVID CRENSHAW 01-385-548
NECK?
MY SQUAD
YOUR SQUAD WILL NEVER FIND YOU
IF THEY DON'T LEAVE SOON, NOBODY'S GOING TO FIND THEM
PLEASE
I HAVE A FAMILY
YOU'RE LUCKY -- USUALLY I'M TAKING THE FAMILY, TOO
THEN
GO TO HELL
CAN'T
TOO MANY PEOPLE WAITING FOR ME THERE

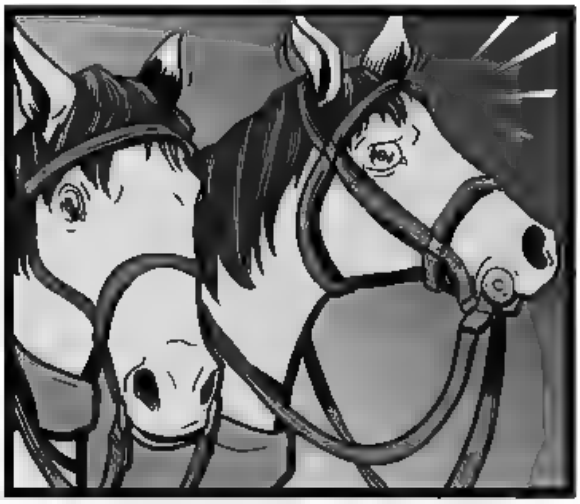
YOU TWO SHOULD BE RUNNING FASTER
WHY?
WE'RE AS FAST AS WE

NO REASON

NO -- DON'T TURN AROUND!
IT MAKES A COOLER VIDEO IF YOU DON'T LOOK AT THE EXPLOSION!
I LIKE LOOKING AT EXPLOSIONS
SO I CAN DODGE IF DEBRIS FLIES MY WAY
THAT'S SICK
OH
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET TO THAT BRIDGE
AND SEE WHAT?

I ALWAYS WANTED TO RIDE IN A HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE
THE HORSES ARE HOOKED UP IN BOTH DIRECTIONS
IS THIS A JOKE?
I -- I DON'T KNOW
"PLEASE STRAP IN SECURELY BEFORE PRESSING THE 'GIDDYUP' BUTTON."
AT LEAST THEY SOUND LIKE FAST HORSES
STRANGEST EXTRACTION TEAM I'VE EVER HAD
GIDDYUP
GIDDYUP





BOOM

THE HORSES BLEW UP?!

WHY DOES EVERYTHING KEEP EXPLODING?

PLEASE, MY FRIENDS, STAY CALM.

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The Genocide Man Alignment Chart

Lawful Pacifist

Neutral Pacifist

Chaotic Pacifist

Lawful Conflicted

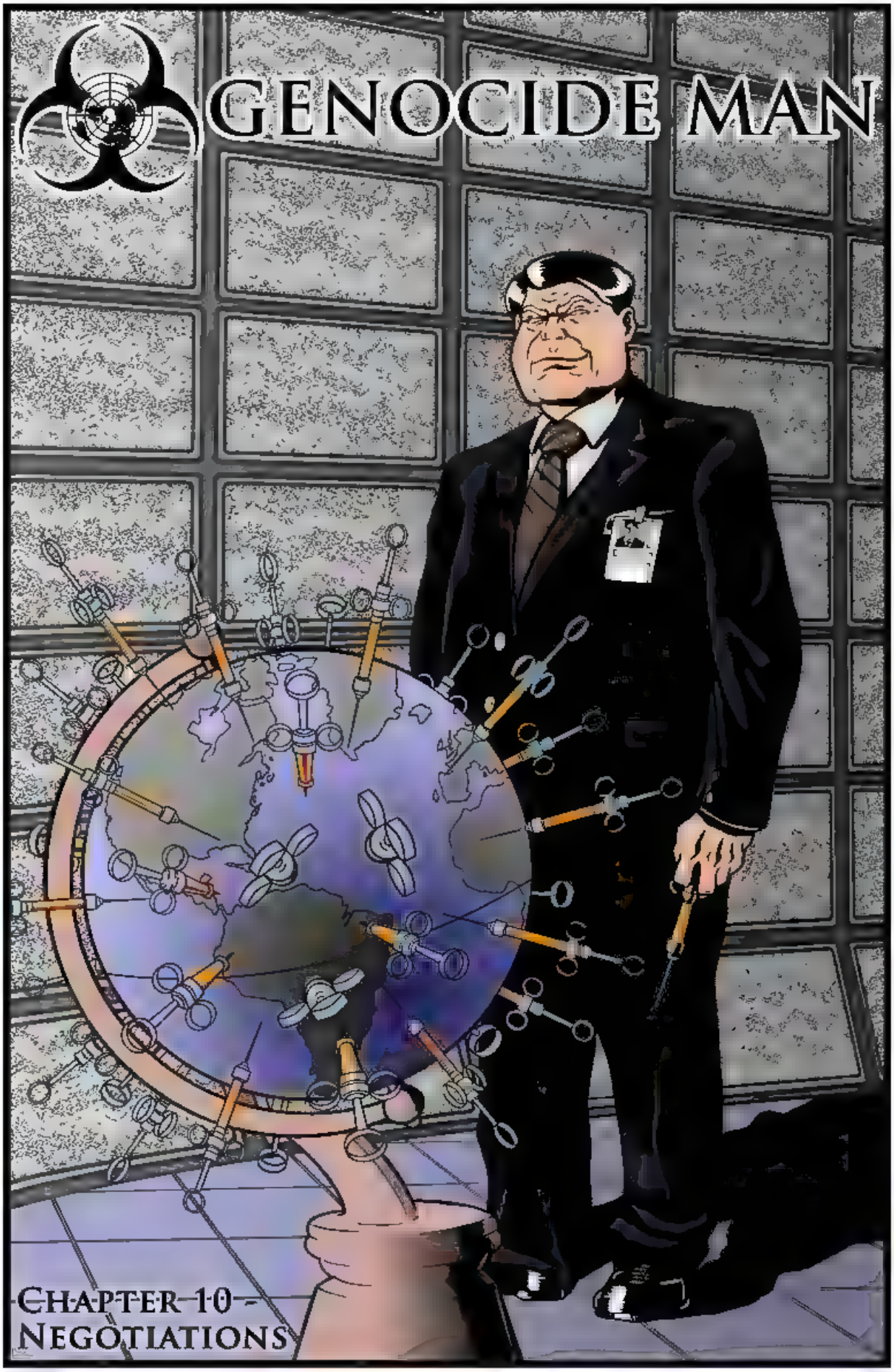
Conflicted

Chaotic Conflicted

Lawful Murderous

Neutral Murderous

Chaotic Murderous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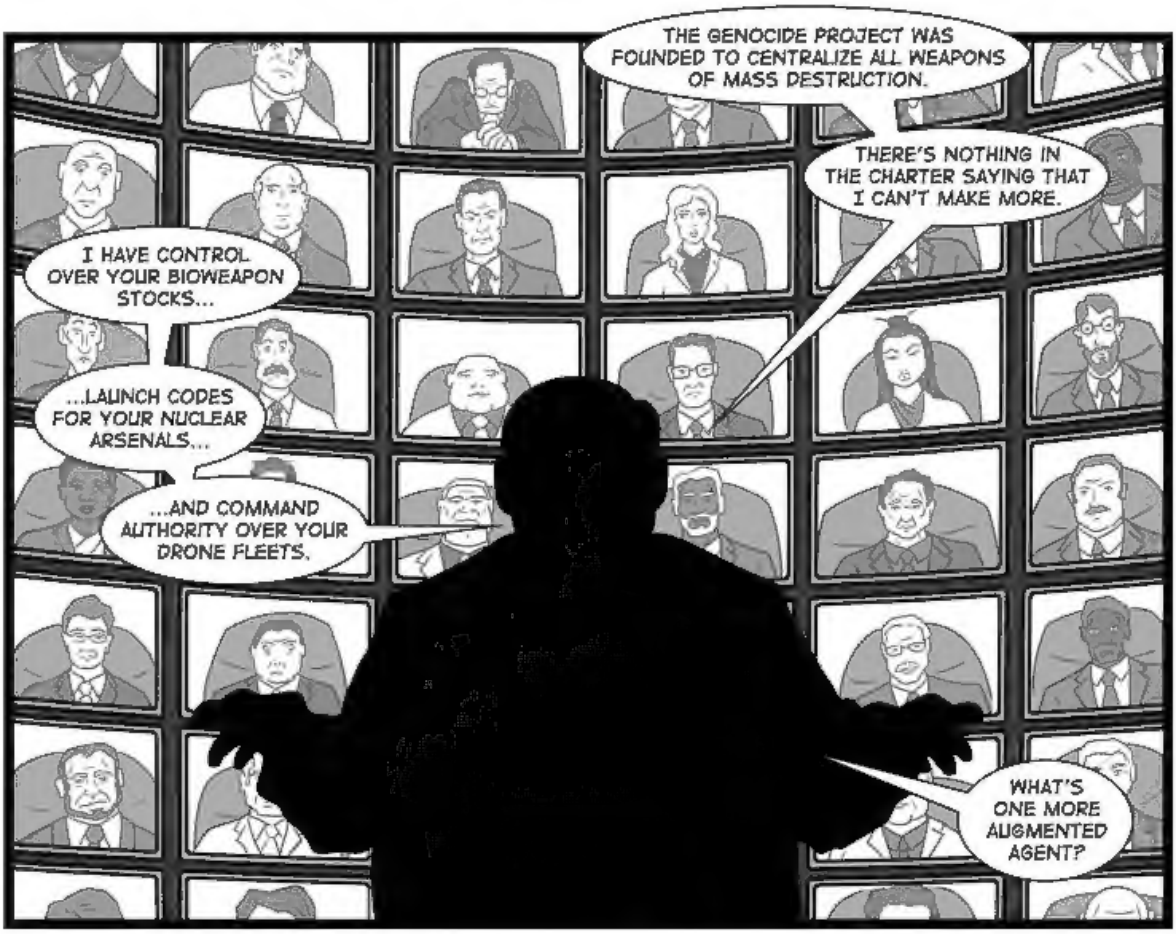
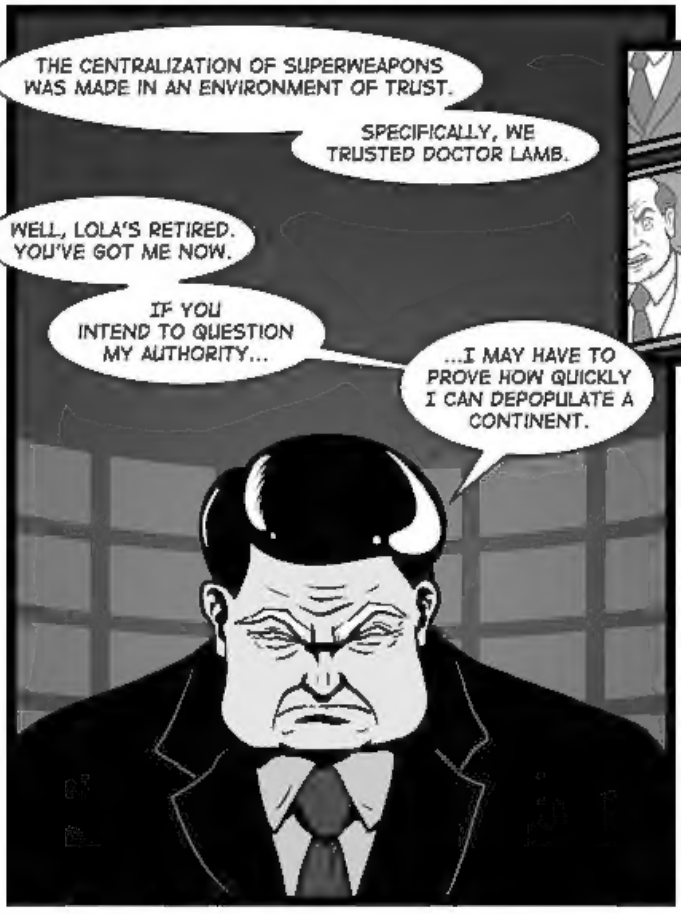
YOU KNOW, CAERA
WHEN WE GAVE YOU A SWORD, I ASSUMED IT WAS ORNAMENTAL
YOU HAVE A GUN, YOU CAN SHOOT PEOPLE
I WAS NEVER A GOOD SHOT
TRY IT NEXT TIME YOU'LL FIND YOUR REFLEXES ARE SHARPER THAN BEFORE
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT THEIR ESCAPE?
WHALES THEY'RE USING WHALES
WHALES
WELL, THAT'S A WHALE OF A TALE
I SUPPOSE WE SHOULDN'T BLUBBER ABOUT IT
IT MAY HAVE BEEN A FLUKE

AFTER SOME DISCUSSION --


THE GENOCIDE PROJECT WAS FOUNDED TO CENTRALIZE ALL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
THERE'S NOTHING IN THE CHARTER SAYING THAT I CAN'T MAKE MORE.
I HAVE CONTROL OVER YOUR BIOWEAPON STOCKS...
...LAUNCH CODES FOR YOUR NUCLEAR ARSENALS...
...AND COMMAND AUTHORITY OVER YOUR DRONE FLEETS.
WHAT'S ONE MORE AUGMENTED AGENT?


THE CENTRALIZATION OF SUPERWEAPONS WAS MADE IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF TRUST.
SPECIFICALLY, WE TRUSTED DOCTOR LAMB.
WELL, LOLA'S RETIRED. YOU'VE GOT ME NOW.
IF YOU INTEND TO QUESTION MY AUTHORITY...
...I MAY HAVE TO PROVE HOW QUICKLY I CAN DEPOPULATE A CONTINENT.

ARE WE DONE HERE?
IT'S TEA TIME...
...AND I'D LIKE TO NUKE SOME WHALES BEFORE SUPPER.

MY DAD TOOK ME WHALE HUNTING ONCE.
NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE SWALLOWED BY ONE.
THIS ISN'T A WHALE.
WHALES DON'T HAVE CARD TABLES, CHEMICAL TOILETS, OR CRATES OF 'MRE'S.
IT SMELLS LIKE A WHALE.
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD ON THAT.
HEY, ROGER! IS THIS A WHALE?
WELL, IT HAS WIRELESS INTERNET, SO I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SAY 'NO'.
BUT...
M.R.E.

...THE NETWORK LATENCY IS MEASURED IN HOURS...
...AND THE PROTOCOL IS WEIRD.
I THINK WE'RE ON SOME KIND OF SONAR INTERNET.
GLOBAL RANGE, BUT ONLY AT THE SPEED OF SOUND.
I'M HAVING A LOT OF SLO-MO EMAIL CONVERSATIONS RIGHT NOW.
COVERT INTERNET, CYBORG WHALES...
...THIS HAS TO BE FUMIAKI.
HE'S A STEP AHEAD OF EVERYONE.
YOU DON'T PLAN TO STOP HIM.
I HAVEN'T DECIDED.
I CAN TELL YOU HAVE. YOU'RE CURIOUS, BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED.
WATCH IT, GIRL. NO READING MY MIND WHILE WE'RE PLAYING CARDS.

LOOK, I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T KILL YOURSELF. BUT I WANTED TO BREAK YOU OUT OF YOUR FUNK.
WE'VE BEEN RUNNING AND HIDING FOR MONTHS.
CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING?
I'M A SOLDIER, GIRL.
MRE
I TAKE ORDERS.
I DON'T TAKE SIDES.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT 'I ONLY FOLLOW ORDERS' CRAP!
YOU'RE ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS MEN ALIVE, YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!
PRETTY SURE I'M NUMBER ONE, NOW.
I'M SORRY, JACOB.
I KNOW THAT YOU DON'T ENJOY KILLING.
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GOOD SOLDIER ALL THE TIME.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
M.R.E.
LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING, PRINCESS...